

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 3332 - HB 3379**

March 10, 2006

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes each state department and agency to elect to provide a smoking cessation program for state employees within available funds.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact – Should all state departments and agencies elect to provide a smoking cessation program, the cost is estimated to exceed \$2,000,000 or \$335 per participating employee. Departments and agencies will not receive additional funds to provide this service.**

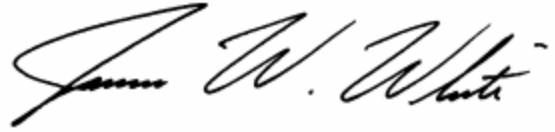
#### Assumptions:

- It is estimated that 27% of the 47,000 state employees or 12,690 are smokers.
- According to a recent Behavioral Health Factor Survey, 51.4% of those surveyed indicated a desire to quit smoking. Assuming the same percentage, 6,523 state employees would enroll in a smoking cessation program.
- According to the Department of Health, the program will consist of an 8-12 week counseling program at \$95 per participant resulting in a total cost of \$619,685 (\$95 X 6,523).
- Each participant would receive a three month supply of nicotine patches at two boxes per month at \$40 per box resulting in \$1,565,520 (\$40 X 6 X 6,523).
- State departments and agencies will have to provide the program within available funds.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director